

Ashley Academy

Admissions 2025/26

Ashley Academy, Temple Park Road, South Shields NE42 5HX

Introduction

The Trust Board of WISE Academies will be the Admission Authority for this academy. This means that a committee with delegated powers considers applications sent to them by the Local Authority, according to the criteria as stated below. This policy has been agreed following consultation between the Board of Trustees, all other Admissions Authorities in the area and interested parties and parents. This policy gives regard to the "School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2011," "School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admissions Arrangements (England) Regulations 2012" and "School Admission Code 2021".

Parents (a parent is determined as a person with parental responsibility) have the right to express a preference for a school of their choice. In the first instance all preferences expressed will be considered on an equal weighting basis whereby all applications are considered at the same time, irrespective of the order of preference. Therefore all applications will be considered equally against the admission criteria. If a pupil then qualifies for a place at more than one school, the parent's highest ranked preference will be offered and any lower ranking offers will be disregarded.

Reception applications must be made on the Common Application Form (available from the Local Authority) by the determined closing date and an offer ~~by~~ The Local Authority undertakes the co-ordination of admission arrangements.

Published Admission Number

The Published Admission Number (PAN) for this Academy is 60.

The Admission criteria within this policy is applied if the number of applications exceeds the number of places.

Admission Criteria

If the academy is oversubscribed (i.e. where the number of applications for admission exceeds the number of places available) the committee of the Trust Board of WISE Academies, as the admissions authority will apply the following criteria in the order set out below:

Children with an Education, Health and Care plan

Children who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan where the academy is named as the most appropriate educational setting for the child will be admitted.

1. Looked after children

This refers to children who are looked after by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children's Act 1989(b) and children who were previously looked after, but ceased to be so, because they were adopted (or became subject to a child arrangements order, residence order or special guardianship order). Parents are asked to send proof as supplemental information with their application form.

2. Siblings

Children who have a sibling attending Ashley Academy at the time of their application. Sibling refers to a brother or sister, half brother or sister, adopted brother or sister, step brother or sister or foster brother or sister. The child of the



3. Exceptional medical or psychological reasons

Parents must include a medical or psychological report, prepared by a professional, to confirm information that parent includes in this section. This report should explain why only this academy could meet the child's medical or





Right of Appeal

Parents will have the right to an independent appeals panel if they are dissatisfied with the outcome of their admission application. Appeals will be carried out in accordance with the Admission Appeals Code. Any decision of the independent appeals panel will be binding on all parties. Appeals should be directed to The Secretary to the Trust, WISE Academies Head Office, Borodin Avenue, Sunderland SR5 4NX or governance@wiseacademies.co.uk

Home address

This must be the address where parents and child normally live and they must be living there on the closing date for receipt of application. Where a child lives with parents with shared responsibility, each for a part of a week, the home address will be taken as the address of the parent who receives child benefit. In cases where parents are not eligible for child benefit the address will be that of the parent where the child is registered with the doctor. Confirmation of address will be required.

In-year Admissions

The academy is able to accept in-year admission applications directly from parents. An in-year admission application is one that is made outside of the normal time of transfer between schools, for example when a family moves house part way through a school year.

Local authorities are still required to co-ordinate admission applications in the normal admissions round. In-year applications will be determined by the academy on the basis of this policy.

Nursery Class Applications

Nursery Application Forms are available from the academy office. You must be able to evidence your child's birth certificate at the time of application. Applications can be received any time after the child's second birthday. Places will be allocated using the academy's admission criteria by order of priority. Additional forms of identity may also be required to establish eligibility.

Important notes to parents :

Evidence of identity

If the parent is required to provide supplemental evidence to support the application (e.g. council tax bill), this evidence should be provided at the time of application. If not provided, evidence may be sought by the academy following the closing date for applications. This information must have been correct at the date of closing for applications.

False Evidence

The Trust Board reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a place where false evidence is received.

Incomplete applications

If there is an incomplete application for a child, in circumstances where parents cannot agree on a preferred school or the main address where the child resides, the Trust Board will suspend the application until parents agree. This will mean that if the closing date has passed, the child will not be considered in the admission round and if all places have been allocated then the child will not be given a place and the application may be treated as a late application.

Please note that attendance at the Academy's nursery does not guarantee admission to the reception year group and a separate application for admission to the reception year group will have to be made.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Local Authority's admission guidance for parents.